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David Django Dexter

Application No.: 10/812,615

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: SNAP RING WITH RECESSED INTERIOR  
CONTOUR

Examiner: Flemming Saether

Art Group: 3677

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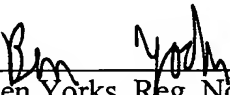
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The following is in response to a Restriction Requirement issued on August 25, 2005. The Examiner has requested an election between Claims 1-26 (Group I) and Claims 27-30 (Group II). The Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-26 (Group I) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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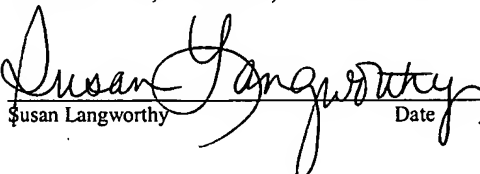
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

**Small Entity**

Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

50

25

Multiple dependent claims

200

100

360

180

**Total Claims** **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)****Multiple Dependent Claims**

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**Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims** **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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